

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following new amended paragraph:

[0003] U. S. Patent Application No. [[_____]] 09/975,590 entitled "DATA REPLICATION PROTOCOL" inventors Dean Bernard Jacobs, Reto Kramer, and Ananthan Bala Srinivasan, filed October 11, 2001.